THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to convert Navyug Schools of eighth standard into 10+2 standard this year.

(c) Does not arise.

Medical Grants Commission

4199. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Medical Grants Commission on the lines of University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). It has been decided in principle to set up an Education Commission in Health Sciences. It shall be the general role of the Commission to take, in consultation with the concerned, measures for the promotion and coordination of education in all branches of Health Sciences.

Shortage of Qualified Teaching Staff

4200. SHRI P. M. SYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN REOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of qualified teaching staff in Daman;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of teachers in Daman?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the Daman and Diu Admn., due to the increased enrollment in Schools, there is a shortage of posts of Asset. Teachers (Science subject) in the Secondary Schools. However, no existing posts of teachers in Daman are lying vacant.

Medical Reimbursement Policy

4201. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medical reimbursement policy has provided adequate medical care to the employees/pensioners;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the reimbursement of medical charges policy;

(d) whether Government propose to review it to remove all pitfalls and shortfalls therefrom;

(e) the number of medical reimbursement claims pending with the Government and since when and the reasons for the delay in the finalisation thereof; and

(f) the number of bogus medical reimbursement cases detected and the steps taken to plug the modus operandi adopted facilitating such claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of reply given at (a) above,

the question does not arise.

(c) If the CGHS beneficiary takes treatment from a State Government/Central Government/ CGHS recognised hospitals with the prior permission of the concerned Government Specialists in the field, full reimbursement of medical expenses is a lowed.

(d) there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(e) Upto 20.02.1992, 2696 bills are pending with the Government which are being processed. The reasons for the delay are that some claims are incomplete. In some cases the treatment has been taken from Non-recognised private hospitals and in some cases the pensioners did not have C. G. H. S. valid card. Recently, there has been considerable increase in the number of claims preferred due to expansion of CGHS facilities.

(f) No claim has been detected.

[*Translation*]

Overbridge at Chainpur (Bihar)

4202. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an over-bridge at Chainpur Station on Gomo-Barakakana section, to facilitate the commuters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reaons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Railways undertake programming of only such over bridges, for which firm proposals are made by the concerned State Government, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

[*English*]

Damage to Railway Property

4203. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "economic blockade" in tribal Bihar has done great damage to railway property;

(b) if so, the estimated damage caused to the railway property; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to protect the railway property in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The damage to railway property on account of agitation by all Jharkhand Students' Union from 2.3.92 to 6.3.92 is estimated at Rs. 11,000/–.

(c) Guarding of vulnerable points and vital installations, track patrolling and piloting and escorting of trains is being done as required, to protect railway property. This being a law and order problem close liaison is also being maintained with the State Policy authorities to deal with the situation and to prevent damage to the railway property.

Bankura Damodar Railway Line

4204. SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Government on the Bankura Damodar Rail-